

# *The Voice*



*June 2011*

# *A Message from The Chair of Council*

Last December, just before we celebrated the birth of Jesus we celebrated the birth of Alvin Nelson, which took place a mere 100 years ago. Alvin thought that the secret of his long life was, if you are going to have some illness have it when you are young and avoid it in your later years. A banner will be presented to the church on Pentecost Sunday in Alvin's name to recognize this unique occasion. Fortunately Dorothy got to celebrate with Alvin and Bob before her unfortunate accident which led to her death. Dorothy will be greatly missed by her own family as well as her church family.

We also celebrated the life of another long standing, and valuable member of this congregation, our Minister Emeritus Rev. Dr. Don Ray. Don will certainly be missed as a valuable member of the council as well as an active member of our congregation for over 40 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joan on the loss of Don and also with the added worry of her family who were living in Japan at the time of the earthquake, but have since moved back to Toronto.

I think we were all relieved almost as much as Jennifer herself, when we heard she was scheduled to get some relief from the pain she was enduring in her hip. She is now on the road to recovery and we look forward to her return. In the meanwhile we welcomed and are enjoying the ministry of Rev. John White. John is able to make events that happened 2000 years ago sound like they just happened and are as relevant today as when they took place. He has not just led our Sunday service but has attended many other functions as well.

Congratulations to Jaren for successfully graduating in the Lay Certificate in Theology program at Emmanuel College. This training along with Jaren's own spiritual interests has enabled her to provide much more than the normal requirements of her position as Administrator.

We are very pleased that Jen Blazek will be back as coordinator of the Early Childhood Program. This is a great outreach program and is well attended by an ever increasing number of preschool children in this neighborhood. Alcina's schedule of ever increasing commitments will make it difficult for her to continue in her position in the coming year. We are grateful that some parents have been very helpful in assisting in the Church school during the past year and this may be even more necessary in the future.

We have now had 3 sessions of the "What do you Think" series. These follow the coffee hour approximately every six weeks and have proven to be quite popular, with about 25 attending each time. We are always open to new topics to discuss, new people to attend, and new presenters.

The Outreach committee under Marie Harvey was again responsible for a very successful Fair Trade Fair. This is a major event that involves a large number of the congregation. As well as supporting the Fair Trade vendors, hopefully it presents a positive image of our church in the community.

I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as your Chairman. It has been a busy two years, with a lot of new activities and events taking place. I am grateful for the cooperation I received from the council, the committees, the staff, and especially the continual support of my wife Marian.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Norm Childerhose

*I do not know how many people in the congregation realize that we have no one to replace Norm as Chair of Council. It will be very difficult to run the Council without a leader. Any one who volunteers to take on this important job will get a lot of help and support from committee members; remember "You are not alone" -Ed.*

## *Editor's Note*

This is a remarkably busy church! If, for some reason, you chose not to go to any functions that were outside the church, you would still have an active social life. There are movies and soup, there is afternoon coffee, there is an exercise class, a book discussion group, a ladies social gathering, Bible study, parents and tots, a Saturday fair trade fair, post-service lunch and sermon discussion, evening musical concerts and of course, worship service with coffee hour afterward. And in October you can spend a whole week sorting stuff for our Fall sale! Modern churches are sometimes criticized for concentrating on non-religious events in their church community. That being said, how would we like to just attend a worship service and hurry home and never speak to another person? Or even, attend a funeral but never connect with others who have come to honour the deceased? Yes, even funerals need an element of fellowship that a church family can provide. A recent article in a national newspaper suggests that the United Church is losing its membership partly because its advocacy on behalf of many secular causes is “engaged in a self-destructive act, aiming to be so many things to so many people that it will morph into just another social advocacy group disconnected from 2000 years of Christian tradition.” That means we still need our ministers to remind us why we actually come to church at all and why we still consider ourselves Christian.

With most of the church events on hold for the summer season, you can still participate in our church life on Sundays. The gardens could always use your help, and so could Footprints Day Camp. The office will be open somewhat shorter hours and the minister is just a phone call away. Enjoy the warm weather; we deserve a good summer this year !

Jill Reeve

## *The Church in Summer...*

<b>Worship Service:</b>	Sundays at 10:30a.m.
<b>Sunday School:</b>	not available in the summer months - see you in September.
<b>Office Hours:</b>	<b>May 23 - June 30,</b> Monday to Friday, 9a.m. - 4p.m. <b>July 4 - 29,</b> Monday to Thursday 9a.m. to 4p.m., Friday 9a.m to 12p.m. <b>August 2 - 19,</b> Monday to Friday, 10a.m.to 2p.m. <b>August 22 - Sept 2,</b> Monday to Thursday 9a.m. to 4p.m., Friday 9a.m to 12p.m.

### **The Staff**

<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Jennifer Palin
<b>Pulpit Supply:</b>	Rev. John White
<b>Music Director:</b>	Daniel Rubinoff
<b>Sunday School Coordinator:</b>	Alcina Chiu
<b>Church Administrator:</b>	Jaren McLeod
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.donwaycovenant.com">www.donwaycovenant.com</a>

# *About Our Pulpit Supply Minister:*

## *Rev. John White*

Greetings to Donway Covenant United Church Congregation, and thank you for the opportunity to come and share worship and fellowship with you in the coming weeks.

I am a retired minister of the British Methodist Church. I grew up in the county of Cornwall, in the south west of England. After school I completed my service with the Royal Navy, before training as a Methodist minister. My wife Frances, comes from Reading, England, a town to the west of London.

We have served with the Church in Britain, India, and Hong Kong. Our last appointment, before retirement, was at Montrose, on the east coast of Scotland.

Our two children, Barry and Janet, grew up with us in India, and after returning to Britain, they both moved to Toronto, where they now live with their own families. After retirement in 2001 we were fortunate to be able to come and join them here.

Over the years I have valued and enjoyed the preaching, pastoral, and teaching ministries of the Church, and also practical opportunities of service and outreach. My ministry has often been associated with school or college students, and for a number of years I assisted with the lay preachers training of the Methodist system.

Frances and I are now both members of Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church. Frances is a member of the choir and we have both shared as members and leaders of study and fellowship groups. I am also a volunteer and board member of Wychwood Open Door, a community service program that works out of St. Matthew's United Church on St. Clair, and in the summer I coach and referee junior soccer.

I have been pleased to conduct worship with local United Churches as there has been opportunity, and now I look forward to being with you and your Church, when we shall be following the Sundays of Easter and Pentecost that bring us one of the great seasons of the Christian year.

Yours in God,

John White

*Coincidence is  
when God chooses to remain  
anonymous.*

## *A Message from the Sunday School Co-ordinator*

As the year comes to an end, I'm amazed by how quickly it has passed. The bonds I've formed with all of you at the DCUC are truly deep, in spite of the shortness of time. Everyone I've met has embodied the spirit of God's Word, lending a helping hand, sharing their time and energy, and dedicating their efforts to create a better community.

The children and youth, from the delightful toddlers to the insightful teenagers, have been a wonderful bundle of energy. In Sunday School, we explored the themes that went along with the Lent and Easter seasons, continuing the focus on what we, as young people, have to offer and how we too can make a difference. We had already experienced a bit of that during Advent and Christmas, with the purchase of a full Oiko credit from our craft and bake sale and a new spin on the Christmas story with the pageant.

We have welcomed new families into our fold and look forward to having them grow with us in the coming years. The Sunday School time rediscovered its routine after a few special events and sermons added some variety to our programme. In addition to the weekly story that corresponded to the adult sermon, we have made crafts to apply our knowledge, spent time in fellowship and discussion of related topics, and had the all-important snack time! The youth have also been helping teach the younger children the Lord's Prayer.

With only a few more weeks left in the year, it's time to plan our year-end picnic and celebration. Hopefully, the May showers will lead to June flowers and we will be able to take our festivities outdoors!

Cheers,

## *Footprints Summer Day Camp Update*

Footprints Summer Day Camp 2011 is taking shape. We feel very fortunate that both Heather Bruce and Kim Stanbury have agreed to return to Footprints this year to the same jobs they did last summer: Heather as the Senior Director, and Kim as the Junior Director. In addition, two of our Counsellors, Evan Knight, and Alison Hanko are coming back to us this summer. This Staff continuity should make for a smooth opening and running of Camp 2011.

Ted Reeve has met with Footprints Board Members on behalf of the Stewardship Committee to request better housekeeping practices from Footprints, and the Board has agreed that improvements can be made.

We are all looking forward to a summer filled with stories and crafts and singing and day trips, and friends. If you are interested in attending a Footprints Open House, they happen on the second and last Thursday of July and August, in our auditorium, from 4 to 6 p.m. We would love to have you visit.

Bonnie Kennedy

# *Our Future as a Church: Where do we go from here?*

I am Mark Bell, your co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to provide the feedback the Strategic Planning Committee received following the annual meeting. This is appropriate timing, this follows Easter and is a time of rebirth.

As Cathy mentioned last week, over 80 people stayed after the annual meeting and provided feedback. The time and input is very much appreciated.

Some folks asked why we don't just come out and ask direct questions of the congregation, why do we conduct a reading from the bible.

The reason is we are looking for people to share their opinions while also reflecting on the deeper values you hold about faith and this church.

For those that didn't attend, we shared a bible story and then asked a number of questions related to the future of the church.

The committee read through the comments captured by the scribes to draw themes or threads of thought from the feedback. I am sure you can imagine this does take a bit of time.

Following is a summary of what we heard from the congregation:

## **First we asked: Are we in a strange land?**

- YES.
- The landscape around us has changed – rather than we've changed.
- Don Mills is racially diverse
- We are a secular society.
- So many options for our time and spiritual fulfillment outside of organized religion
- We heard about a recognized cynicism within the broader society, people do not trust organized institutions such as Government or the church. People question authority.
- There were comments shared about the Donway congregation specifically. We heard that even within the church there are many things to do. In the past there were plenty of folks to take on the work. Our volunteers are working hard and may be getting over extended.

## **We asked, should we pursue small vs radical change**

A number of people expressed a willingness or acceptance of broad change. Overall, there is very little appetite for large scale change. We heard:

- Don't leave anyone behind.

- There is concern with the amount of energy needed to drive large scale changes.
- Many small changes will add up to a big change.

**We asked: What to do with the building**

Some members expressed willingness to develop the property. Overall, we heard that development of the property raises a lot of fear – development would require a great deal of work. Although open to the “idea” of developing the property there is a lack of willingness and leadership to take on major change. As a congregation we know there are no easy answers. We heard that members are not willing to take on the work. We heard that members are tired.

**At this point** there is resistance to change in developing the property.

**What would God have us do?**

We didn't get enough input on this point for us to offer meaningful feedback.

When the SPC started this process we were given a mandate to look at all options. It has taken a while to get our bearings straight. We needed to clearly identify the challenge we are attempting to address. As a congregation, I think we all understand that we are in a sea change, the culture has shifted dramatically outside this sanctuary and we need to respond.

It is important that the committee also work with the vision and hopes of this congregation. The congregation has spoken clearly about the property, about energy levels and about the desire to not leave anyone behind.

The Strategic Planning Committee does believe people are willing to change. The resistance to large scale change is an expression of who we are as a congregation. The message we received is to just proceed with caution and wisdom.

As we move forward we will be looking at incremental changes. One thing I've learned from visiting many other congregations is we are a busy church. Fair Trade fairs, coffee on Fridays, film viewing, Music on the Donway, to name a few of the things we do. Our tenants, for the most part, reflect our values as Christians. There is a lot of potential here.

As was said, many small changes can lead to a big change.

Thank you again for your participation

Mark Bell  
Co chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

## *Message From the Music Director*

It has been a fabulous season for the music program at Donway Covenant United Church. The choir will finish singing on June 5th after a busy year of beautiful music. We were pleased to welcome tenor Derek Lumb to the choir this year. Soprano Meghan Fleet and baritone Mark Gough have sung beautifully for our services this year. Sadly, Mark will be leaving for Calgary in the fall – we will miss him but are so proud of his burgeoning career. Meghan will grace our sanctuary in the summer as our soloist and hymn leader.

Music on the Donway has been a great success this year as well. A big thank-you goes to Sigrid Angell for her hard work at promoting the concerts. We are going to focus on more community-based concerts next season and we are in the midst of inviting a local big band that will perform music from the golden era of big band swing music. Also in the works is a Donway Cabaret night that is going to be lots of fun. Stay tuned for further details!

We will also be saying goodbye to Alcina Chiu, our wonderful Sunday School teacher. It has been a great pleasure to interact with her and the children in the services and I will miss her energy and positive approach. We look forward to a new person in the fall. One of my priorities next year is to work for further musical integration of the children and youth in next year's services.

My PhD studies are coming to an end and I expect to defend my doctoral dissertation in mid-August. The research is based on Dalcroze Eurhythmics, a system of movement to music that increases physical and cognitive well-being. It also helps people develop a greater appreciation of all things artistic. I will be starting a movement program for seniors next fall at the church and I invite you to come out and try it!

Happy Summer, Donway!

Daniel Rubinoff

Music Director

*God promised a  
safe landing  
not a calm passage.*

## *"Longevity" by Alvin Nelson*

My century began in Alberta, December 20, 1910 and ended December 19, 2010 with a delightful party at the Donway Covenant United Church, and what a century it has been, two World Wars, two economic booms followed by two economics, depressions, and a devastating influenza epidemic.

Apparently some people did not hear my talk on Sunday, December 19th so here is a summary about my longevity. The three ingredients for longevity are good genes, lifestyle and a bit of luck. Lifestyle begins in childhood with a good diet, ample exercise and sleep. Being born and raised on a mixed farm, I probably had as good a diet as one could expect. The farm had horses, cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks and a huge vegetable garden. Our winter diet included frozen beef, and fish, vegetables from the cellar filled with a dozen different varieties, rye bread, apples and low fat milk to drink, In summer we ate eggs, chickens, canned beef, salted pork, vegetable from the garden, and fresh fruit from BC.

In the morning after a stint of chores we enjoyed a hearty breakfast that included oatmeal porridge, and we were then away on a 21/2 mile walk across country to school. After school this routine was repeated before supper. We did not lack for exercise and had no sleep problems.

There is an old saying that, if you want to live a long life develop a chronic illness early in life. I fit into this proposition. In November 1945 after returning from the US, I obtained a job with TransCanada Airlines where a chest x-ray was required for employment. The x-ray showed that I had tuberculosis, so this ended my employment with the airlines. The x-rays showed I had a mottled lung area on both sides that extended from the

apex of the rib cage down to the third rib. My infection was diagnosed as a low grade, almost dormant and well established infection where every third or fourth sputum culture would go positive near the end of the culture. I did not feel sick in any respect.

My sanatorium confinement began in Windsor, Ontario, November 1945 and ended January 1946 because all my sputum tests had been negative. I spent the winter of 1946 in Toronto, and while there, obtained a teaching position at an engineering College in upper New York State. However, before beginning this new employment, I decide to have another set of sputum tests. One of these cultures turned positive, so in July 1946 I entered the sanatorium at Muskoka. Apparently they did not know what to do with me since my lung condition was not severe enough for the treatment available, so there I sat until streptomycin became available in 1949. I remained idle in Toronto convalescing for another year before going back to work in late October 1950.

Since I was not sick and up and about for most of the time, I became involved in activities available for convalescing patients. Early in my stay I took a correspondence course in double entry book-keeping, and then became the book-keeper, purchasing agent, and general manager of a monthly magazine published by the patients for the patients. It was supported financially by ads from local merchants and sold to patients for five cents. The magazine had an information exchange program with other San magazines in Canada and US, and so it contained many good articles and jokes.

After losing five productive years, I had to begin all over again in the work force in my forties, Moreover, after five years

of idleness one can become quite laid-back so back to work can be quite a change.

In November 1950 I Joined the engineering operation at Comstock, an Ontario Hydro Contractor that was converting the electric power system in Southern Ontario from 25 to 60 cycles. My duties were engineering the conversion of industrial instruments and timing devices from 25 to 60 cycles. Since this was a temporary position and its end was in sight, I joined the Patent Office in Ottawa as a patent examiner.

It was during my employment with Comstock that Dorothy and I were married. Dorothy knew my lifestyle would be restricted, and I was pleased she accepted it so willingly, Two years after moving to Ottawa, Bob was born August 1st, our second wedding anniversary.

Soon after Bob's first birthday, I joined the patent operation of the Canadian General Electric Co., and remained there until retiring December 1975. The work at CGE was more challenging and interesting than the work at the patent office. At CGE, my duties were mainly in connection with heavy industrial equipment and control systems and it often meant trips away from the office on technical searches at US and Canada patent offices and libraries. CGE was a good company to be with, relations within the company were cordial and so were relations with GE in USA.

A change in lifestyle also entailed a change in work style. One now had to work smarter, tend to business during work hours and be selective in the work undertaken, This may not have been the

most popular approach, but it did accomplish more than average output. While at CGE my workday began in earnest on everything in the office and continued this way until leaving the office. I never went back to work nights or weekends, nor did I take any work home. My evenings were always free for rest or activities around the home. Although we had ample opportunities to have a lakeside cottage, we declined to do so because weekends would no longer be free for extra rest. After a couple of years of employment with CGE I took a two day examination on patent law and practice, and upon passing the examined became what is known in the patent profession as a "Registered Patent Agent," i.e., a person legally qualified to practice on behalf of others.

Much of the credit for my longevity goes to Dorothy and Bob. They have provided the environment that met my needs. After a stint in a TB San, the choices become simple, either accept a more mundane lifestyle or risk being back in the San for a last time. After learning how one needs to live in order to be alive for a century, the reader may no longer have any desire to live that long.

For me it has been anything but an easy century, but it has been an interesting century. I'll be writing more about the changes that have taken place during my century.

*Alvin is also a dedicated and hard-working volunteer at the Fall Sale, where he comes in daily for a week to test every single electrical appliance to make sure it works and is safe.—Ed.*

## *From the Outreach Committee*

*Our Purpose: Following our call as disciples of Jesus Christ to serve the marginalized and vulnerable.*

Congratulations and thank you to all volunteers for the excellent work promoting the **Fair Trade Fair**, on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event was advertised in newspapers, other media and in numerous churches. Several people telephoned, up to 25 persons each, to inform people of the event. Volunteers welcomed guests to the sanctuary, the auditorium, the living room and the cafe. We would like to express our appreciation to those who did the set-up for those areas and the clean-up after the event. Many worked through the day in the cafe, others assisted the 14 Fair Trade vendors and picked up and delivered goods. To all of those who helped, in whatever manner, we are grateful. Finally for those who came to buy and to patronize the cafe we thank you. Vendors have complimented us on our organizational skills, food and support of them. Some have already asked to be invited back next year. We can declare the Fair Trade Fair another happy success at The Donway Covenant United Church.

The Film Fest/Soup Suppers held on March 30, April 6, 13 and 20 were well received, with an average attendance of 35. We look forward to planning another session in the late Fall.

“The Living Room Drop-In” has taken place from 2-4 p.m. on Friday afternoon, with two sessions each month, since October. The next “Drop-In” is on May 27. Coffee, tea, juice and cookies are served and those present can engage in conversation, play board games or read a magazine. Average attendance has been approximately 16 with space for more.

Amnesty International Letter Signing Circle takes place every 3rd Sunday at the coffee hour. The “Taste of Justice Luncheon” will be held on Saturday, June 11. Tickets are \$5 plus any donation to Amnesty International. A film, “Tibet, a Buddhist Trilogy” will be shown.

All members of the congregation, of the community and ESL classes are invited to attend all of the Outreach activities. You will be warmly welcomed.

Thank you to the many volunteers who support the Outreach activities.

Outreach Committee: Don Cowan, Helen Guillet, Lorna Lampkin, Marie Harvey

*Don't let your worries get the best of you;  
Remember,  
Moses started out as a basket case.*

## *The Fair Trade Fair Update*

A wonderful Fair Trade Fair, the second such event, was held at The Donway Covenant United Church on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was a grand success due to the many volunteers, the cafe, the 14 vendors and most of all the many wonderful people who came to buy, have lunch and enjoy the party atmosphere. Balloons decorated the signs and doors outside the buildings and each child was invited to take a balloon. The sanctuary was open and welcomed people to enjoy a quiet place, check out the wall hangings and visit with the volunteers. The two films in the Living Room, "Taking Root" and "The Green Chain", as well as the Fair Trade speaker, Paul Wellhauser promoted discussion.

The spotlight was really on the Fair Trade items sold by the vendors. They enticed us with Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, spices, nuts, global crafts, unique jewelry, clothes and food from countries such as Nicaragua, Bolivia, Uganda, Rwanda, Northern Thailand and Zimbabwe.

Those who organized the event are grateful to all who had a part in it.

## *Giant Fall Sale 2011*

Because of the success of last year's sale, we feel we can handle another event this October 22<sup>nd</sup>. That said, we will need as many volunteers as possible. With our aging workforce, we need new blood, and would appreciate if many of you could recruit your adult children to help, or perhaps friends or neighbours who would enjoy some community involvement. As in recent years, we prefer not to accept donations until just the week before the event; we do not have much storage space and we do not want to handle everything two or three times. However, if you absolutely must get rid of things before that time, we will try to accommodate you. Again, we will not have an auction, but will try to sell better items in the auditorium for a good price; this seemed to work last year. This event is a lot of work, but everyone agrees that it is also a lot of fun, with a degree of cooperation and fellowship that the whole Don Mills community enjoys. If any of you has any ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

Ted Reeve

416-447-7524

*Many folks want to serve God,  
but only as advisers.*



# Taste for Justice Lunch & Movie

featuring the movie,

## **Tibet,** a Buddhist Trilogy

**Tickets are \$5**  
plus any donation to  
**Amnesty International**  
(You will receive an income  
tax receipt for your donation.)

**Saturday**  
**June 11, 2011**  
**12 noon**

**R.S.V.P. at**  
**416-444-8444.**

**The Donway Covenant**  
**United Church**  
230 The Donway West,  
North of Lawrence Ave.  
and West of Don Mills Rd.



# Grannies & Friends Tea Party,

brought to you by  
Brookbanks for African Grannies,

**Saturday June 4,  
2p.m. to 4p.m.**

in the living room of  
The Donway Covenant United Church.

- Full afternoon tea,
- entertainment,
- silent auction,
- jewelry sale,
- “Special guest”.

**Tickets are \$15 per person.**

Pick up your tickets from  
Marian Childerhose at Coffee Hour or  
call her at (416-449-6993)

**Proceeds to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.**

# *Dorothy Katherine (Duff) Nelson*

## *May 25, 1914 - March 9 2011*

Dorothy Katherine Duff was born on May 25, 1914 in a small Saskatchewan prairie town called Anglia. Anglia consisted of railway facilities, a grain elevator, a post office, her father's general store, and a dozen and a half houses with wooden sidewalks. Later a church and schoolhouse were added. Dorothy had many fond memories of this town and its people.

When she finished grade 10 she had to go to Saskatoon to finish high school where she boarded at the Presbyterian girls residence. She graduated with a gold medal and scholarship for university. This scholarship posed two problems; one, little money was available in 1931, the depth of the great depression, and two, and more important, she had no mentor and hence no idea what a young woman could study at university. Dorothy then looked to the two traditional careers for young women. First she became a teacher in a rural one room schoolhouse. There were 1 or 2 students in each grade, 1 to 8 and 4 or 5 students taking high school by correspondence. Dorothy loved teaching but was not so enamored boarding with the chair of the school board in a tiny hamlet, so she then tried the other career open to young women - nursing.

In 1939 she graduated in nursing from The Saskatoon City Hospital and then went to work at the Rosetown Hospital which was much closer to her family home. A year later she was called back to The Saskatoon City Hospital to teach in its nursing school. At this time in 1941 mother considered joining the Canadian Armed Forces as a nurse but her mentor talked her out of this with the argument;

“all the experienced nurses were joining up and soon there would be no nursing teachers left and such a gifted teacher as Dorothy would serve her country better by training nurses”. 1943 found her in Toronto teaching at The School of Nursing, University of Toronto where she stayed for 10 years. Aside from teaching she discovered her skills with people when her first job was supervising the first year students' clinical experience at Toronto General Hospital. Toronto General Hospital had its own Nursing school and believed nursing should not be taught at the university. Dorothy mediated many disagreements. Also she worked in the Faculty Office and was recognized as a gifted administrator. A Kellogg Foundation Fellowship was arranged for Dorothy which she used during the 1950-51 academic year to study education at Columbia University, New York City. She often talked about this year, the program and people at Columbia, exploring New York City at a time when it was safe for a young woman, and bus trips to many sights in the eastern United States organized for the foreign students.

When she returned to the University of Toronto, Alvin proposed to her. Accepting his proposal meant closing the door on her university career, as all the women in the faculty were single and remained single, and also, she took the risk of marrying a man who had just recovered from tuberculosis. They were married August 1st, 1952 and moved to a new adventure in Ottawa. Bob was born and mother's mother came to live with them. Soon they were back in Toronto

was not long out of the work force. There was a correspondence course, the “Extension Course in Nursing Unit Administration”, sponsored by the Canadian Hospital Association and the Canadian Nurses Association. Dorothy began marking student papers from home. By 1964, with Alvin’s encouragement, Dorothy returned to work part time and the next year became the director of this course. This work was fulfilling and involved not only the correspondence course materials and arranging for markers but also holding one week workshops across the country at both the start and finish of the program. By the middle 70’s Canada’s Development Agency, CIDA, asked if the program could be offered in Haiti and Botswana. Dorothy handled the Botswanian implementation which involved trips to Botswana where she was a guest of the government and had a car and driver at her disposal. She was able to visit all of the Botswanian health care system, from large hospitals in

major cities to the smallest nursing station in the Kalahari. Dorothy retired in 1978.

Dorothy, like many of you, has lived through times of tremendous change. Born on the eve of World War I, started working in the early years of the Great Depression and training nurses for World War II. She was born into a Canada that didn’t legally recognize women and retired after the women’s movement had completely changed the work place and Canadian society.

Dorothy always brought her intelligence, quick wit and iron will to everything she did. Throughout her career she received accolades and awards but what she cherished most was when students would later tell her about the careers they had built on the start and mentoring Dorothy had given them.

Alvin has lost a warm and dedicated life companion and Bob has lost a very supportive and great friend.

Bob Nelson

## *The Knots Prayer*

Dear God:  
Please untie the knots  
That are in my mind,  
My heart and my life.  
Remove the have nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.  
Erase the will nots, may nots  
Might nots that may find  
A home in my heart.  
Release me from the could nots

would nots and  
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God,  
I ask that you remove from my mind,  
My heart and my life all of the “am nots”  
That I have allowed to hold me back,  
And especially the thought  
That I am not good enough.  
Amen  
(Author known to God)

## *Tuesday Morning Study Group*

If you think we are a bunch of serious, intellectual women studying weighty theological tomes, you are mistaken. Our recent book has been Barbara Kingsolver's book of essays called *Small Wonder*. The essays deal with all kinds of modern issues, like violence in our society, preserving wilderness places, raising chickens and growing your own food, relationships with children, and generally, how to live in peace and harmony in a troubled world. No theology there, just a sharing of ideas with a wonderful, sensitive woman. We have all enjoyed reading this together. Our next book will be *Buddhism for Beginners*, a small introductory volume in question and answer format. A number of us have friends or relatives who have embraced this philosophy in their lives, and we thought we should know more about this fast-growing movement. ( Just by coincidence, our church is presenting a movie called *Tibet: a Buddhist Trilogy* on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.) We welcome new people to our group at any time, no need to "sign up"; just come once or twice and see how you like it. You don't even have to read the book beforehand !

## *Marathon Bridge Update*

We closed the season May 11th with a closing party, more bridge and of course fabulous desserts. The top pair for the season was Enid and Bruce Sills.

Plans for the fall were discussed. More players are always welcome.

Cam Beaton

## *Ladies Fellowship Annual Spring Potluck Luncheon*

**Thursday June 2, 12 noon**

All women of the congregation are invited to attend.  
Just bring your favourite main dish, salad or dessert and meet us in the  
**living room for punch at 12 noon.**

**This year we ask everyone to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the  
Community Share Food Bank**

There will be a special guest speaker from Wellspring.

## *Our Holiday in Europe:*

*some religious experiences.* by Jill Reeve

You may be thinking, "Just because she is the editor, why do we have to hear about her holiday?" I justify this article by claiming it all has to do with religion and to brag that in our two week absence, I attended four services ! On our first Sunday, Ted was busy working at the hotel in Zurich, setting up for his conference, so I walked a few blocks away to the big 500 year old Protestant church called Fraumunster, which is famous for its stained glass windows designed in 1970 by then-80 year old Marc Chagall. The German language service was quite unremarkable; I have a slight knowledge of German, so I could tell what the minister was talking about, and the tunes to some of the hymns were familiar. Fast forward to the next Sunday, when we had just arrived the previous evening in Istanbul. Since it was Palm Sunday, I thought it would be interesting to attend any kind of church in a Muslim city. The hotel desk clerk told us where the Roman Catholic cathedral was, a couple of miles away in an area that had more foreigners and consulates. So the next morning we walked over there, but could not find it. But I spotted a small sign, pointing down a narrow street, saying United Church of Istanbul, English service at 10. So we entered a lovely simple little church, owned by the Dutch Consulate, and used by several different language groups. It was full of quite young people, mostly Americans who work in Istanbul, I would guess. The service was pleasant and joyful, with lots of singing, and several people warmly welcomed us. Then we continued on our tourist wanderings and stumbled upon the huge cathedral, and decided to go in. The

English language mass was almost finished, but we got to hear some nice keyboard and choir music. This church was large and quite full; there were all kinds of people, but mostly they were Filipino women ( I guess they are caregivers in Turkey as well) and quite a few young black African men, who appeared to be very devout, lining up after the mass to pray in front of a statue of Mary. A Filipino woman made an announcement that the following Tuesday at 5 pm there would be a free concert by the Manila Chamber Choir, which had just participated in a choral competition in Istanbul, where they had won a prize. We decided to attend, and as we sat there in the perhaps one third capacity (it is a very large church) audience, I marveled at the rich diversity of the modern world. Here we were, a couple from Canada, sitting in a Catholic cathedral in a huge Muslim city, listening to a 20 member choir of young people from the Phillipines. Our last evening was spent in a small town near the Zurich Airport, where we stayed in a hotel, just waiting for our early afternoon flight to Toronto. Since it was Easter Sunday, and we had time before our airport shuttle bus at 11 am, we decided to try the nearby church, a picturesque traditional Swiss country church. As we approached it about 15 minutes before the service time, we saw virtually no one around. But we went in anyway, sitting near the exit, and some people did trickle in, mostly older, conservative looking Swiss. The church was about the same size as the Donway Covenant, but I would estimate there were about 55 to 60 in attendance----and this was Easter Sunday ! The minister

was a middle aged man who was, to put it mildly, not at all charismatic. There was no interaction with the congregation, and everyone sat there looking very serious. When it was time to sing the hymns, again familiar tunes, I was prepared to join in, but there was hardly a sound heard from the congregation. When we finally left to catch our bus, the service was not quite over, and we said to each other, "Say what you like about our church, but we are a lot more animated and involved than this bunch of uptight church goers ! No wonder people are staying away in droves!"

Now for a brief story about our connection with mosques. Right across the street from our small hotel in central Istanbul was a fair sized 16<sup>th</sup> century mosque. I had been warned about this, but it still came as a jolt when at 5 in the morning, the call to prayer came blaring out very loudly from the loudspeaker. Actually, this mosque was a few minutes later than the many others we initially heard from all over the city, so you got a chance to get used to the rather dissonant (to us) sounds as they started up in the distance, all within a few minutes of

each other. Needless to say, we did not appreciate being woken up that early; we did notice, during the other calls to prayer (at 5,1,6,8, and 9:30) when we were outside in the streets, no one seemed to pay any attention. Maybe those who are observant were already at their prayer location. We speculated what would happen if every Christian church in Toronto were to broadcast a loud hymn five times a day (Onward Christian Soldiers maybe ? Or Rock of Ages ? Or Hosanna, Loud Hosanna?) I don't think it would endear the churches to the general population, including regular church goers ! This is one religious rite we will not embrace any time soon. In our very secular society, even church bell ringing is considered annoying by some people.

*P.S. Has anyone else had interesting church service experiences during vacation trips? Let me know! - Ed.*

*Summer afternoon . . . summer afternoon— the two most beautiful words in the English language.*

*(Henry James 1843-1916)*

I Am Light  
 Each time you look up in the sky  
 Or watch a fluffy cloud go by  
 Or feel the sunshine warm and bright  
 Or watch the dark sky turn to light  
 Or hear a bluebird gaily sing  
 Or see the winter turn to spring

Or stop to pick a daffodil  
 Or gather violets on some hill  
  
 Or touch a leaf or see a tree---  
 It's all God whispering, "This is me,  
 And I am faith and I am light  
 And in Me there shall be no night."  
 (Helen Steiner Rice)

## **FEES AND GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTIONS AND OTHER SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

From time to time members and non - members request the Church for receptions and other social functions. In order to be fair to both those using the Church facilities and to the congregation as a whole the following fee schedule will take effect on January 1, 2006 .

- a) Members and non - members will be charged for the use of the auditorium, living room and the kitchen.
- b) Members and non - members will pay for all food and supplies purchased for every event.
- c) Members and non - members will be charged a flat rate plus a per person increment to cover utility costs etc. using the following scale:
  - i) to serve beverage and sweets - \$75.00 for the first 50 people plus an additional \$1.00 per person starting at 51 persons and continuing to a maximum of \$250.00.
  - ii) to serve beverage, sandwiches, etc and sweets - \$100.00 for the first 50 people plus an additional \$1.00 per person starting at 51 persons and continuing to a maximum of \$275.00.
  - iii) as no head count will be taken the charges for the event will be based on the estimate given at the time of booking by the family or group requesting the event.
- d) Members and non members using outside caterers or bringing in their own food will be charged the same flat rates and increments as stated in item c) to cover utility costs etc, plus the fee for the Funeral/Wedding/Church Representative if she is required. (A representative of the Church must be present and in charge of any event contracted by a non member and be responsible for set up and clean up)
- e) Monies paid to the Donway Covenant United Church for receptions are not eligible for a tax receipt and will be included in the general income of the Church..

### **FEES FOR SHORT TERM USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES** (Effective 2010)

<b>Sanctuary</b>	
<b>Choir Rehearsals &amp; Recording</b>	<b>\$30/hr</b>
<b>Elmer Isler Singers</b>	<b>\$30/hr</b>
<b>“Backsplit”</b>	<b>\$25/hr</b>
<b>Piano Recitals</b>	<b>\$60 flat rate</b>
<b>Kiwanis Festival</b>	<b>\$220/day</b>
<b>Weddings &amp; Funerals</b>	<b>\$200 flat rate</b>
<b>Piano practice on grand piano</b>	<b>\$20 flat @ 2 hrs. max.</b>
<b>Parking Lot</b>	
<b>Large Fleet</b>	<b>\$200/day</b>
<b>Small Fleet</b>	<b>\$3/car (for 30 cars or fewer)</b>
<b>Auditorium</b>	
<b>Per day</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>½ day</b>	<b>\$275</b>
<b>Per hour</b>	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Room rental</b>	
<b>CE wing</b>	<b>\$20/hour</b>
<b>Living room (reception fees apply)</b>	<b>\$30/hour</b>

# *Announcements*

## *Deaths*

<i>Rev Donald Ray</i>	Passed away December 17, 2010.
<i>Bob Dearlove</i>	Passed away February 2, 2011..
<i>Peggy Rees</i>	Passed away February 21, 2011.
<i>Kathleen Hedgcock</i>	Passed away March 2, 2011.
<i>Lorraine Veitch</i>	Passed away March 9, 2011.
<i>Dorothy Nelson</i>	Passed away March 9, 2011.
<i>Betty Layton</i>	Passed away March 27, 2011.
<i>Ruth Main</i>	Passed away April 13, 2011.
<i>Eleanor Bruels</i>	Passed away April 27, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the departed.



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# Up-coming Events

**Check out our website for up to date events listings at  
[www.donwaycovenant.com](http://www.donwaycovenant.com)**

- May 26 - **Ladies Fellowship Meeting**, every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Starting at 10 a.m. in the Living Room
- June 2 - **Ladies' Spring Luncheon** 12:00 noon. All women are invited to bring their favourite main dish or dessert and join us in the living room. Contact Marian Childerhose (416-449-6993).
- June 4 - **Grannies & Friends Tea Party**, brought to you by the Brookbanks for African Grannies, 2 to 4p.m. in the living room. Full afternoon tea, entertainment, silent auction, jewelry sale, "Special guest". Cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- June 5 - **Food Bank Sunday**, on the first Sunday of every month we encourage all to donate either non-perishable food or money to the Community Share Food Bank. All food donations can be placed in the basket found in the narthex. All cheques may be made out to either *The Donway Covenant United Church* (please note "Food Bank" on the cheque or to *The Community Share Food Bank*. You may also donate on line at [www.communitysharefoodbank.org](http://www.communitysharefoodbank.org). Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- June 11 - **Amnesty International "Taste For Justice" Lunch & Movie, featuring the movie, "Tibet, a Buddhist Trilogy"**. 12 noon in the living room. Lunch is \$10 plus a donation to Amnesty International. Call 416-444-8444 for reservations
- June 14 - **Council and Committee Meetings**, 7 & 8pm in the C.E. Wing.
- June 19 - **Memorial Flower Sunday**, every 3rd Sunday of the month.
- June 19 - **Amnesty International Letter Signing Sunday**, every third Sunday of the month after the 10:30a.m. worship service in the auditorium.
- July 3 - **Food Bank Sunday**
- July 4 - **Start of FootPrints Summer Day Camp.**
- August 1 –19 - **Church Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 10a.m. to 2p.m.**
- Aug. 7 - **Food Bank Sunday.**
- August 22 - Sept. 2 - **Church Office Summer Hours:  
Monday to Thursday: 9am to 4pm  
Friday: 9am to 12noon.**
- Sept. 4 - **Food Bank Sunday.**